

Life Group Lesson

“Silent Night – Peace on Earth?”

December 18, 2011

Below are verses and questions from the weekend message. The goal is not to read every verse and ask every question but to selectively use them to bring about discussion, study, interaction, and growth of your group. The goal is not to complete it like a check list but to use it as a tool to bring quality interaction and application from the weekend messages..

READ

Luke 2:10-14

ASK

1. The account of Jesus' birth in the Bible is more than a novelty to read at Christmas. It is the account of the miracle of Christ's coming to earth as a man, yet still God. It is the announcement of the long awaited Messiah – the one who would redeem and save us from our sins.
 2. Christmas cannot be reduced to a manger scene, Christmas lights, presents, family gatherings, and fruitcake. It is a celebration – GOOD NEWS and GREAT JOY. Glory to God in the Highest!
 3. What feelings does the coming of Christ to earth bring to your life?
 4. The angel did not say peace would come to earth. Jesus even said he did not come to bring peace on earth (Luke 12:51). The angel said peace would come to those whom his favor rests. How do you gain peace? Does Jesus' favor rest on you? How do you know?
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READ

John 16:33 and John 14:27

ASK

1. Will we have trouble in this world? What did Jesus say he would bring in the middle of trouble?
 2. Is the world's trouble victorious or is Christ? Is this truly represented in your life?
 3. The world offers false peace. What are some false offers of peace the world has presented to you?
 4. True or false: if you have Jesus, you have peace?
 5. What are you searching more for: Jesus or peace?
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ASK

1. What unavoidable circumstances have come into your life lately? Have you given them over to Christ and found peace in Him?
 2. What unbearable people (no names please) have come into your life lately? Have you given them over to Christ, prayed for them, and asked Him for His peace?
 3. What unexplainable problems have come into your life lately? Have you given them over to Christ and found peace in Him?
 4. Do you have uncontrollable worry in your life right now? Is this usually a problem for you? Have you given it over to Christ and found peace in Him?
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READ

Isaiah 9:6

ASK

1. One of Jesus' names is "Prince of Peace". Is He the one in charge, the Lord, the chief and the general of your life? Do you find rest, tranquility, wholeness, completeness, and contentment in Him?
2. Are you under the Lordship of Jesus? Read Acts 10:36 and ask those in your group if they have the good news of peace through Jesus Christ that only comes from making Him Lord of all in their life.
3. Read Isaiah 32:17-18. Do you have these fruits of peace in your life: quietness, confidence, peaceful dwelling place, security in your home, and undisturbed rest? If not, what is blocking this kind of peace from your life (sin, rebellion, lack of obedience, circumstances, etc.)?

Remember, peace is not the absence of problems. It is the presence of Jesus in your life. If He is present and His Holy Spirit is at work, then you can have internal peace even when the world around is caving in.

Peace that Jesus gives is not the absence of trouble, but is rather the confidence that He is there with you always.